

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner found that the Application was in condition for allowance, except for the certain informalities which are addressed below. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that this application contains allowable subject matter. Prosecution has been closed on the merits in accordance with Ex Parte Quayle, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

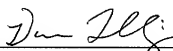
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-2 and 5-6 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 1-2 and 5-6 are allowed.

The Office Action indicates that newly added claims 7-10 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed, and thus the original claims have

been constructively elected, where claims 7-10 have been withdrawn. Without agreeing with the position forwarded in the Office Action, and in the interest of advancing prosecution, claims 7-10 have been canceled by this amendment without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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